

Prior to joining the Squadron, Roger enjoyed many years at the State Guard Association of the United States as a MEMS Commandant Emeritus/MEMS International Coordinator.

Roger is married to Domenica Cindy and has a daughter, Danielle. In addition to his wife & child, his family includes his parents, Alfred & Mary Higby; siblings Richard and Joann Higby; biological parents Ruth Larsen and Ray Swift; and his biological siblings, Verna "Sue" Wertz, Thomas Bisbee, Dennis, Danny, Robert, and Debbie Swift. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, gardening, and farming almonds. Roger plans to continue consulting, training, mentoring, and writing after his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to law enforcement by Vice Squadron Commander Roger Dale Higby and hereby wish him continued success in his retirement.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the Taiwan Relations Act, signed into law 35 years ago on April 10, 1979 by President Jimmy Carter, officially recognizes the unique relationship between Taiwan and the United States.

Taiwan is one of our closest allies and best friends in the world.

The University of Tennessee started having a large number of students coming from Taiwan in the early 1960s because a man from that nation, Nelson Nee, was head of the U.T. International Students Program. Many of these students became, and many still are, leaders in the Republic of China.

I had the privilege of spending a week in Taiwan along with Congressman PETE SESSIONS and former Congressman Sonny Calahan around 10 years ago. The Taiwanese people could not have been kinder or more impressive to us than during that visit.

I am thankful for the friendship of the people from Taiwan and honored to mark the 35th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF TO HARLEM'S OLDEST ROMEO, CLYDE E. COOK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 26, 2014, the Village of Harlem and the residents of the HDFC Houses at 206 West 121st Street came together to celebrate the life of Clyde E. Cook who passed away peacefully on April 15, 2014. It was a fitting tribute to a man who helped organize and redeveloped 206 West 121st Street Apartment Building into New York City's Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC) program, giving individual tenants ownership shares of their apartments, where Clyde served as

president and building manager. Clyde and his beloved wife Clarissa were dear friends, allies and active members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Democratic Club, the home club of my political family.

Clyde Cook's obituary in the New York Amsterdam News reads as follows:

"Harlem's oldest Romeo" Clyde E. Cook was a proud member of the Harlem Village, and because of his inspiration and positive outlook, he was an optimistic figure in the community. His smile and kindness moved everyone that knew him; he was a strong pillar and role model.

Cook took great pride and pleasure in helping others. He loved writing poetry and going to the movies. His 6-foot-2-inch slender frame, rich baritone voice and cool demeanor led to his being called "Harlem's oldest Romeo." He was a father figure and dear friend to many. His direct involvement as a Harlem community advocate enhanced and enriched the neighborhood.

He was born in Selma, Ala., on Aug. 2, 1936, to the late Ira and Lottie Cook. Clyde was the youngest of four children. At an early age, his family relocated to Harlem and Clyde received his education in the New York City public school system, graduating from Clinton High School in the Bronx. During his adult years, Clyde fell in love and married Clarissa Harrison and resided in Harlem until she preceded him in death in 2006.

Clyde joined the auxiliary police during the nineteen seventies and graduated with honors. He held many managerial positions during his professional career starting at Harlem Hospital, the City Municipal Building at 1 Centre Street, the Board of Elections and ending as president and building manager of his HDFC building, located at 206 West 121st Street, around the corner from Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard and a short distance from the Mecca of Harlem's African Square on 125th Street that he loved so dearly. Clyde performed outstanding and exemplary service, helping others attain affordable housing.

Clyde Cook's leadership abilities led him to become an active community advocate. He joined the 28th Precinct Auxiliary Police in an effort to bring crime down and clean up the neighborhood during Harlem's darkest drug infested days. Being such a lover of community, Clyde became the president of the Golden Awards Committee, where under his leadership he honored many of Harlem's elite professionals for exceptional and devoted acts of service within the community. Our beloved Clyde passed away quietly with dignity and grace after a brief on April 15.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my esteem colleagues to join me in honoring Harlem's oldest Romeo and community advocate, Mr. Clyde E. Cook.

HONORING 11 RESIDENTS OF BROWARD COUNTY SELECTED FOR THE BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 11 outstanding seniors from my district that have been selected to be part of the Broward Senior Hall of Fame. Through the generous donation of their time and resources, these exemplary seniors have displayed a

level of commitment to public service that can be admired by all.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County offers this annual distinction to seniors who have dedicated themselves to improving their community in South Florida. From ordinary citizens and businesspeople to public servants and advocates, they have gone above and beyond to serve both the elderly and those in need. The amount of time, money, and effort these individuals have expended for the betterment of their community is truly admirable and exhibits a level of passion worthy of recognition.

Congratulations to Margaret "Marnie" Allen, William Edelstein, Rose Manni, Rita Martin, Carmen Morales, Anthony C. Musto, Soutien Peng, Jackie Rosen, Joseph "Joe" Schwartz, Lucy Stevens, and Ilene Weisberg on their election to the 2014 Senior Hall of Fame. I hope that by honoring them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that they can continue to inspire South Floridians to live by their example.

42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. (GLAA)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 43rd anniversary of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (GLAA). GLAA is a valued organization that has become a local leader in the struggle for equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.

Since its formation in April 1971, GLAA has been a respected and tireless advocate for full and equal rights for the residents of the District of Columbia, and has been at the forefront of efforts to strengthen enforcement of the landmark D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977. One of GLAA's most significant achievements, on which it worked with coalition partners, D.C. elected officials, and District residents, was the enactment of the District of Columbia Religious Freedom and Civil Rights Equality Amendment, which permits same-sex couples to marry in the District.

In addition to its leadership on LGBT rights in the District, GLAA has always provided leadership on a wide range of civil rights issues, such as family rights, police accountability, and access to condoms in prisons and D.C. public schools. GLAA also emphasizes effective public health strategies and accountability in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the District.

At GLAA's 34th anniversary reception on April 30, 2014, the recipients of its 2014 Distinguished Service Awards will be recognized, including:

Jerry Clark, Chair of the D.C. Statehood Coalition, political director of D.C. for Democracy, and a board member of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. He has served as a trustee for the Law and Society Association, a co-chair of the Whitman-Walker spring gala, and as a member of the Democratic National Committee's Gay and Lesbian Leadership Council. He has served on the board of directors of the

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, including as co-chair. He was appointed to the Mayor's Committee on the 15th Anniversary of the March on Washington. He earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago and his undergraduate degree from Princeton. He is a health benefits consultant.

Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr., President and CEO of the Center for Black Equity, Inc. (originally known as the International Federation of Black Prides), the only Black LGBT international organization in the world. He founded IFBP in 1999 as a coalition of Black Pride organizers in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and South Africa to promote a multinational network of LGBT Pride and community-based organizations. There are over 30 Black Pride events with over 450,000 attendees each year. IFBP became the Center for Black Equity in 2012 with an expanded mission "to promote a multinational LGBT network dedicated to improving health and wellness opportunities, economic empowerment, and equal rights while promoting individual and collective work, responsibility, and self-determination." He previously served as executive director of the DC Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Education Consortium (formerly known as the DC CARE Consortium) and Damien Ministries. He was licensed as a Social Worker in New Jersey, and has worked on HIV/AIDS and LGBT issues for 25 years. He serves on seven non-profit boards, and is chair of Mayor Vincent Gray's LGBT Advisory Committee. He attended Rutgers University with degrees in history and business.

Alison Gill, Government Affairs Director at The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender queer (LGBTQ) youth, where she coordinates advocacy for LGBTQ youth mental health and well-being through policy initiatives at the federal, state, and local level. Prior to joining The Trevor Project, Alison was Public Policy Manager at the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, where she focused on state and local safe schools policy issues. Alison also engages in local transgender advocacy in Washington, DC, through Trans Legal Advocates of Washington. Alison is a graduate of Rutgers University, and received her J.D. from The George Washington University Law School.

I ask the House to join me in honoring the recipients of GLAA's 2014 Distinguished Service Award and in celebrating GLAA's 43 years of contributions to the LGBT community in the District of Columbia.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
JOHN WENDT ON HIS OFFER OF
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that John Wendt of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air

Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

John's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

John brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Sylvania Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio, John served on the Principle Advisory Committee, as a member of Sylvania's chapter of the National Honor Society and served as an office aid.

Throughout high school, John was a member of his school's soccer and basketball teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. John also participated with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization and the Big Serve Mission Trip his freshman year of high school, Latin Club as well as played club soccer. I am confident that John will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John Wendt on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that John will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

PREVENT ALL SORING TACTICS (PAST) ACT

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, this Wednesday is National Animal Advocacy Day. On this day, citizens are invited to help enact meaningful protections for animals at the federal, state and local level by being an effective voice for animals.

On National Animal Advocacy Day, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to renew my call for the House of Representatives to pass the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act, or PAST Act. This important measure will stop the soring of horses, an abusive practice used by horse trainers in the Tennessee Walking, Racking, and Spotted Saddle Horse industries. Congress passed the Horse Protection Act more than 40 years ago in order to protect horses from soring. Unfortunately, a failed self-policing enforcement system and inadequate penalties in the statute have allowed this cruelty to continue.

This bipartisan legislation is already cosponsored by well over half of the House and is supported by many organizations in the equine industry, veterinary medicine, and animal protection communities. I am pleased to provide a copy of the list of support for the record to the full House. I urge my colleagues to take swift action to bring this important bill to the floor. Below is a current list of supporters of the PAST Act, H.R. 1518:

ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE PREVENT ALL SORING TACTICS (PAST) ACT

HORSE ORGANIZATIONS

1. American Horse Council
2. American Quarter Horse Association
3. American Morgan Horse Association
4. American Paint Horse Association
5. American Saddlebred Horse Association
6. Appaloosa Horse Club
7. Arizona Coalition for Equines
8. Carolina Walkers, Inc. (South Carolina)
9. Delaware Equine Council
10. Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary (Arizona)
11. European Tennessee Walking Horse Association
12. Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses
13. For The Tennessee Walking Horse
14. Friends of Sound Horses
15. Friesian Horse Association of North America
16. Gaitway Walking Horse Association (Missouri)
17. Idaho Horse Council
18. International Friesian Show Horse Association
19. International Walking Horse Association
20. Maryland Horse Council
21. Michigan Horse Council
22. Minnesota Horse Council
23. Mountain Pleasure Horse Association (Kentucky)
24. National Plantation Walking Horse Association
25. National Walking Horse Association
26. Natural Walking Horses (Europe)
27. New York State Horse Breeders Association
28. New York State Horse Council
29. New York State Plantation Walking Horse Club
30. Northern California Walking Horse Association
31. One Horse at a Time, Inc. (Kentucky)
32. Pennsylvania Equine Council
33. Pennsylvania Pleasure Walking Horse Association
34. Pinto Horse Association of America
35. Plantation Walking Horse Association of California
36. Plantation Walking Horses of Maryland
37. Professional Horsemen's Association of America
38. Pure Pleasure Gaited Horse Association (Oklahoma)
39. Rocky Mountain Horse Association (Kentucky)
40. Sound Trails and Rails Society (Georgia)
41. South Carolina Horse Council
42. South Dakota Quarter Horse Association
43. Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club (Idaho)
44. Speak Up for Horses, Inc. (Kentucky)
45. Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitors Association of Montana
46. Tennessee Walking Horse Association of New Jersey, Inc.
47. Tennessee Walking Horse Association of Oklahoma
48. Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitors Association of Oregon
49. Tennessee Walking Horse Heritage Society
50. Texas State Horse Council
51. United Pleasure Walking Horse Association (Missouri)
52. United Professional Horsemen's Association
53. United States Equestrian Federation
54. Walking Horse Association of Michigan
55. World Walking Horse Association
56. Yankee Walkers/Gaited Horses of New England (Maine/New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island/Connecticut, and Vermont)